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## LOBBY OPPOSING FOOD BILLS

Says Assistant Secretary  
Vrooman in a Formal  
Statement.

## DECLARES MEN OF WEALTH

Are Now in Washington Seeking  
To Defeat Measures—Calls  
Them Allies of Kaiser.

Washington, May 11.—Sensational charges that a lobby of "food gamblers, some of them men of immense wealth," already is at work in Washington seeking to defeat the Administration food control bills, were made tonight in a formal statement by Assistant Secretary Vrooman, of the Department of Agriculture.

"Allies of the Kaiser—unpatriotic and disloyal—who should be made to feel the loathing and contempt of every patriotic American," are some of the characterizations applied by Mr. Vrooman to "food speculators, food cornerers and food gamblers" who, he promises, will in time be touched by appropriate legislation.

Secretary Vrooman's statement follows:

"Never in the history of the world have business men shown as much patriotism and unselfishness as have been manifested since the war began by the business men of America. An overwhelming majority of them have been as ready to place their business organizations and their personal service and their wealth at the disposal of the Federal Government in this crisis as the young men have been to do the actual fighting.

Attitude Not Universal.  
"However, this attitude has not been universal. There are food speculators, food cornerers and food gamblers, some of them men of immense wealth and others of very small means, who are today taking advantage of war conditions to exploit their fellow citizens to the full extent of their ability. These men are allies of the Kaiser and are doing their utmost to defeat the patriotic purposes of the Nation. Wherever they are seen, in high places or in low, they should be condemned and made to feel the loathing and contempt of every patriotic American. These men will be taken care of in due time by national, State and municipal legislation, but until such legislation can be enacted the only effective power that can be brought against them is the power of an outraged public sentiment, and that should be used vigorously and mercilessly.

"I am told that some of these men are actually in Washington today, conducting a lobby against the request of President Wilson that Congress empower him and his Cabinet to take the necessary means to mobilize the agricultural resources of this Nation for victory. They are urging every specious, theoretical and imaginary argument against the granting of war powers to the President and his Cabinet, and they are at present directing their principal attack against the laws which have been introduced by the Agriculture Committee of the House, with a view to putting the Department of Agriculture on a war basis. That step should have been taken several weeks ago.

Measure Fully Considered.

"The bills now before Congress were drawn up after the Department of Agriculture had consulted with every agricultural college in the United States, with every State department of agriculture, with every agricultural paper or magazine, and with experts familiar with the experience of Europe during the past three years. The additional powers asked for are powers which are possessed and exercised by the governments of every European nation now at war. They have been demonstrated to be absolutely essential war powers.

"The unpatriotic and disloyal lobby that is trying to defeat the determination of Congress and of the people of this country to put the agricultural resources of the Nation on

an efficiency basis in this crisis should be made to feel the condemnation of every real American."

## GHOSTS WALK NO MORE; HAUNTED HOUSE BURNED

Evansville, Ind., May 11.—On the charge of having burned down a "haunted house" near Lincoln City, Spencer county, Ind., last night, Ernest Tarlis, son of a prominent Spencer county farmer, was arrested today and when taken to Rockport, was released on \$500 bond. His trial will come up at the next term of the Spencer County Circuit Court. Harris was arrested after, it is charged, he said, "He guessed the ghosts in that blamed house would not bother him any more." The so-called "haunted house" had been the talk of the neighborhood for several months and it is said many young people were afraid to pass the house at night. Mysterious lights danced at the windows and strange noises were heard, it was said.

## HERREL—SHULTZ.

Rev. S. E. Harlan, pastor of the Christian church of this city, last week performed the ceremony that made Mr. Edward Shultz and Miss Ruth Herrel, popular young people of the Prentiss neighborhood, man and wife.

## LIQUOR RULED OUT OF FORT BEN. HARRISON

Col. E. F. Glenn, in Charge Of  
Camp, Issues Orders to  
That Effect.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 11.—Col. E. F. Glenn, in charge of the officers' reserve training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, today issued orders barring liquor and narcotics from the camp.

"Liquor is not going to handicap brains at Fort Benjamin Harrison," said Col. Glenn. "Every young man in this camp owes his country the solemn obligation of giving it, at this time, the best that there is in him. He is to command men if he meets the requirement of War Department and therefore should make himself fit to command by living an exemplary life."

The official order barring liquor from the camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison reads:

"No intoxicating liquors or drugs of any kind will be introduced in or used on this reservation. Officers of the regular army reserve corps or candidates who violate his requirement will be summarily relieved from duty at this camp in addition to disciplinary measures which the circumstances may warrant."

## 30,000,000 PEOPLE IN U. S. JOIN RANKS OF PRODUCERS OF FOOD

Washington, D. C., May 13.—Two months of campaigning for 1,000,000 gardens in the United States are estimated to have turned the attention of more than 30,000,000 people to the task of producing food.

"The people not only are endeavoring to produce food for themselves," said Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the Emergency Garden Commission today, "but they are learning the value of land as never before."

Mr. Pack said hundreds of organizations were co-operating with the commission, including the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Christian Endeavor Society, the Rotary Club of America, the Garden Club of America, suffrage associations, bankers, insurance companies and education institutions.

## HIGHEST PRICE EVER KNOWN.

Wheat a few days ago reached \$3 per bushel on the Lebanon market when George L. Graham, the St. Mary's pike farmer, sold to the Lebanon Milling Co., 100 bushels at that price. This is the highest price ever paid for wheat in this county, says the Lebanon Enterprise. The highest price prior to the present time was paid just after the close of the Civil War when it sold at \$2.65, very little wheat is being brought into the local market, however, and dealers say that they believe very little is being held back by farmers. Corn is selling at \$7.50 per barrel, with a scarcity reported.

## Fears Doom of Russia's Democracy

Minister Kernsky Declares Country Lost As  
Affairs Are Now Going—Workman  
Issue An Appeal.

## FEAR GERMANY'S DESIGNS

Petrograd, May 15 (via London).—The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputies has issued an appeal to the army, in which it declares that German imperialism is seeking to destroy revolutionary Russia and enslave the Russian people. It appeals to the soldiers to defend Russia with all their power, and declares that a separate peace is impossible.

The appeal says that the only solution of the war must be a general peace among all nations by common agreement.

"As affairs are now going on," declares M. Kereusky, "it will be impossible to save the country. The process of the change from slavery to freedom is not going on properly. We have tasted freedom and are slightly intoxicated, but what we need is sobriety and discipline."

## LOTS TO RAISE FOOD PRICES CALLED TREASON

Gov. Stanley Addresses Confer-  
ence of Commonwealth and  
County Attorneys.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—Gov. Stanley addressed the conference of Commonwealth and County Attorneys, called here today by Attorney General Logan to consider plans for prosecuting persons combining to increase the price of food products. Treason is the word Governor Stanley used to describe the offense of conspiracies to raise prices in time of war, and he told the prosecuting officers that the freeing of the markets is as patriotic a service as defending our shores against invasion.

## REGISTRATION BLANKS FOR COUNTY DRAFT ARE MAILED

Washington, May 13.—Nine million registration blanks for card-indexing every man in the country between the ages of 21 and 31 available for military service have been put in the mails by the War Department. They went to the Sheriffs and Mayors of every city, town and hamlet in the country and will be handed out by the appointed registrars to be filled in on registration day, which will be named by the President as soon as Congress finally passed the conscription bill.

## "H. C. L. I DON'T KNOW HIM;" OWNS COAL MINE-GARDEN

Middlesboro, Ky., May 13.—Wade Gibson, of this city, knows how to beat the H. C. L. It's simple when you know, he says.

Get a combination coal mine and vegetable garden. Gibson has one. He didn't know it until today, though. Gibson planted his garden early. Today he went out to work some promising radishes. While digging he ran into the coal vein. It is thirty-six inches deep. Gibson will open a shaft.

"My garden? Oh, I'll keep it. The coal mine is under the vegetables, you know," Gibson said.

## CLARK OIL MAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE SMASH

Winchester, Ky., May 13.—Leo F. Keating, of the firm of Mildred & Keating, owning some of the biggest wells in the Kentucky oil field, was killed today in an automobile accident on the Lexington Pike. Charles Daniels and H. H. Brown, oil supply dealers, were bruised. Keating's body was sent to his former home, Petersburg, Pa., tonight for burial.

## WOOL POOL BRINGS \$4,000 AT HOPKINSVILLE SALE

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 12.—Prices ranging from 6 to 61 cents a pound were paid here this afternoon for the wool pool, aggregating 6,700 pounds. It brought the farmers about \$4,000.

## CANNOT SUPPLY ARMY BLANKETS TO VETERANS

Government is Now Faced With  
Shortage On Account  
Of War.

On account of the present heavy demand for army blankets, the Government will be unable to supply blankets for the veterans who attend the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans to be held at Washington this spring. This announcement came in a letter from Robert N. Harper, chairman of the citizens' organization, to Col. W. A. Milton.

The letter was as follows:  
"Owing to conditions which cannot be overcome, incident to the war between this country and Germany, it will be impossible to secure blankets for the veterans who will expect us to look after their comfort while in this city. I must, therefore, ask that you communicate with all camps in your State and notify them of the necessity of bringing their own blankets.

"We will supply cots but cannot furnish blankets for reasons above set forth, over which, as you can readily see, we have no control.

"With much respect, I beg to remain,  
Yours very truly,  
"ROBERT N. HARPER,  
Chairman."

## BRIDE HAD WRITTEN CONSENT FROM PARENTS

Miss Thelma Logsdon, eighteen years old daughter of D. J. and S. C. Logsdon, of Fordsville, and Roy Gaither, of the same community, were married in Evansville Thursday. Miss Logsdon, who looks much younger than her age, forstalled possible objection on the part of the county officials to issuing the license by fitting herself out with a written consent procured from both her parents. [Owensboro Messenger.]

## FREED OF MURDER CHARGE.

Jesse Cook, who was arrested and lodged in jail here to await examining trial in connection with the shooting of his wife Monday morning, May 7, was released at his trial before Judge John B. Wilson Thursday afternoon.

The coroner's jury held Cook on the charge of murder, but there was no evidence introduced at the examining trial to indicate murder in any degree, so he was released.

## SAYS NEGRO MUST FIGHT

Editor Demands That Members of  
His Race be Taken in Army.

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 13.—Phil Brown, negro, editor of the Saturday News, published here, is continuing his editorial demand that the United States give the negro people a chance to enlist and fight for the Stars and Stripes in the present war. In an editorial of

more than a column in the current issue of his paper, Brown voices a spirit of the patriotism which he says is felt by his people.

## TEN MILLION SUBJECT TO SELECTIVE DRAFT

Washington, May 12.—Ten million men in the United States will be subject to the selective conscription on July 1 within the ages agreed upon in the conference report on the army bill. Director Rogers, of the census bureau, announced today. This number of men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, inclusive, represents very nearly 10 per cent. of the total estimated population of between 122,000,000 and 104,000,000 on July 1, 1917.

## NELSON STOCK OF GOODS SOLD TO M. T. LIKENS

The stock of goods and fixtures in the store of J. A. Nelson, who filed a petition in bankruptcy some few weeks ago, was sold Monday afternoon by Judge C. M. Crowe, trustee, to the highest and best bidder, and was purchased by M. T. Likens, for \$550.50. This stock was invoiced at \$595. Included in the stock was 20 trimmed ladies' hats and some few articles of dry goods. The stock was first sold in four lots and brought only \$335.

## FOUR BOMBS EXPLODE IN NEGRO CHURCH

Building Formerly Owned By  
White Congregation Dam-  
aged in Blast.

Harrodsburg, Ky., May 13.—At 2 o'clock this morning four dynamite bombs exploded in the colored Methodist church here, doing possibly \$200 damage. This building originally cost \$15,000 and was erected by the congregation of the Assembly Presbyterian Church.

When the congregations of the First Presbyterian and Assembly Churches were united the property was sold to a real estate dealer who some weeks ago sold it to the congregation of colored Methodists. The building is situated in the very center of the town, just off Main street.

When the negroes bought it, a great deal of opposition arose from many of the white people and a largely attended mass-meeting was held at which a committee was appointed to confer with the negroes and to offer the amount paid for the building including the outlay for any repairs to take it off their hands. This offer was refused.

The attempted destruction of the property has created intense excitement and has been strongly condemned by white people here. The City Commissioners will meet tomorrow, also a mass-meeting of citizens will be held and liberal reward will be offered for the apprehension of the culprits.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. May, of Knoxville, Tenn., announce the engagement of their sister, Melissa, of Atlanta, Ga., to Mr. V. G. Barnett, Dermott, Ark., the wedding to take place June 2d, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. May, 1122 Luttrell street, Knoxville, Tenn.

The numerous friends of the contracting parties will be pleased to see the above announcement. The groom-elect is the brother of Mr. A. M. Barnett, while the bride-to-be is the sister of his wife, who reside near Hartford.

The Herald extends congratulations in advance.

## KENTUCKY POSTMASTERS.

Washington, May 11.—Postmasters appointed for Kentucky: Peter E. Mangin, Big Bend, Meade county; Lemuel T. Woosley, Decker, Eve-high, Grayson county; Demetrius E. Deacon, Lodi, Breckenridge county; Mrs. Maggie Robinson, Wainman, Hancock county.

## INDIANA MAN BECOMES BLIND WHILE HE SLEEPS

Columbus, Ind., May 12.—E. P. Davis, 72 years old, a wealthy and well known resident of Taylorsville, awoke this morning totally blind. When he retired last night there seemed nothing wrong with his eyes.

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## KENTUCKY MAY CRY FOR FOOD

Unless Prices Are Reduced  
Predicts Attorney-  
General.

## UNDREAMED-OF FIGURES NOW

With Every Indication of Further  
Increase Unless Prevented  
By the Courts.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—Kentucky soon may be crying for food unless the law comes to their rescue, Attorney General Logan today predicted. Food prices have leaped to undreamed-of figures, although the seriousness of the situation is not yet apparent to many persons, he declared.

In addressing County and Commonwealth's Attorneys from all sections of the State, gathered here to discuss a probable probe of recent advances in prices of food stuffs, Mr. Logan went into details, explaining every feature of the anti-trust law. He said he did not believe the people realized the seriousness of the situation, and added they would actually be crying for bread if steps were not taken to prevent the increases in prices.

The Attorney General read a list of prices submitted to him by Jailer Charles Foster, of Jefferson county, in which the jailer claimed he would be unable to pay the prices and feed prisoners unless some relief is afforded. Attorney General Logan said the average increase on all the food products contained on the list during the last seven months was one hundred and seventy-five per cent.

## OFFERS SERVICES AS REGISTRATION OFFICER

Mr. L. T. Reid, of Rockport, in a letter to Judge John B. Wilson, tenders his services, without remuneration, as Registration Officer for the registering of those required under the Selective Conscription Act.

Being 75 years old and, therefore, unable to serve his country in the field, Mr. Reid says it is his desire to do this little bit for the good of the cause, and Judge Wilson says that all who care to follow the lead of Mr. Reid should notify him, and that all who tender their services will be considered when he makes appointments.

## WOULD GIVE SON TO HELP SAVE WORLD AS GOD DID

Ashland, Ky., May 11.—"I want to do as God did," said John R. Cordell, farmer, who accompanied his only son, 17, to the Ashland army recruiting office today.

"God gave his only son to save the world, and I hereby give mine to help do it," said the father.

The son was accepted and was sent to Fort Thomas.

## LOUISVILLE LIVE- STOCK MARKET

Louisville, Ky., May 15, 1917.  
HOGS—Receipts 4,488 head. The market opened early with prices 15c higher. The best hogs, 165 pounds and up, \$16.15; 120 to 165 pounds, \$14.70; pigs, \$10.55@11.80, and roughs \$14.95 down.

CATTLE—The best light butchers sold full 15c to 25c higher than last week's close, with medium and common sorts 15c up. The canner and cutter demand was brisk at higher rates. Prices ranged from \$6.00 to \$11.00.

CALVES—Receipts 128 head. The market ruled active; best veals, 10@10 1/4c; medium, 8@10c; common, 5@8c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts 322 head. The trade continues active, with prices on a firm basis. The best fat sheep, \$10.00@11.00; wool sheep, \$2.00 per hundred higher. The best fat lambs, \$14.50@15.00; fancy higher; seconds, \$12.00 down. Spring lambs in poor demand at \$15.00@16.00.

The worst form of ignorance is not knowing enough to keep still.